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Marlon Kimpson represents victims of corporate malfeasance, from investors in securities fraud cases to people injured or killed in catastrophic incidents. Building upon the firm's relationships with unions and governmental entities, Marlon represents individuals, state and municipality pension funds, multi-employer plans, unions and other institutional investors in securities fraud class actions and mergers and acquisition cases to help recover assets and improve corporate governance.

Marlon has worked on shareholder derivative litigation and on mergers and acquisitions cases that include: *In re Atheros Communications, Inc., Shareholder Litigation*; *In re Celera Corporation Shareholder Litigation*; *In re RehabCare Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*; *In re Coventry Healthcare, Inc., Shareholder Litigation*; and *In re Big Lots, Inc., Shareholder Litigation*. He also represents World Acceptance shareholders and in 2017 helped secure a proposed settlement to resolve claims that the corporation misled investors about its lending practices and its compliance with federal law in *Epstein v. World Acceptance Corp. et al.*, Civil Action No. 6:14-cv-01606-MGL. More recently, Marlon has taken an active role as local counsel for institutional investors in *In re SCANA Corporation Securities Litigation*, 3:17-cv-02616-MBS, a complex securities fraud matter related to alleged misrepresentations and omissions concerning the design, construction, and abandonment of SCANA's nuclear construction project in South Carolina.

In addition to securities fraud litigation, Marlon is part of the opioid crisis team working with dozens of jurisdictions in litigation alleging deceptive marketing of highly addictive opioid prescription painkillers by drug manufacturers. The firm's representation includes the City of Chicago and Santa Clara County, two of the first jurisdictions to file in the current wave of opioid litigation. He has also represented victims of catastrophic personal injury, asbestos exposure, and aviation disasters. He has litigated commercial and charter aviation cases with clients, defendants and accidents involving multiple countries. He has also represented people and businesses that need help filing their claims under the new claims programs established by the two Deepwater Horizon BP oil spill settlements.

Marlon currently serves as South Carolina State Senator of District 42, representing citizens of Charleston and Dorchester Counties. A frequent speaker, Marlon has presented at seminars and conferences across the country, including the Public Funds Summit, the National Association of State Treasurers, the South Carolina Black Lawyers' Association, the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) and the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP).



PRACTICE AREAS:

Securities Class Actions
Asbestos Exposure
Aviation
Toxic Exposure
Whistleblower

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law, 1999
B.A., Morehouse College, 1991

LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of
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Michigan

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After five years in commercial banking, Marlon entered the field of law and served as a law clerk to Judge Matthew J. Perry of the U.S. District Court of South Carolina. His legal work and volunteer service also earned him the University of South Carolina School of Law bronze Compleat Award. Martindale-Hubbell® recognizes Marlon as a BV® rated attorney.

Marlon is active in his community and formerly served on the Board of Directors for the Peggy Browning Fund. He has also held leadership roles with the University of South Carolina Board of Visitors, the Charleston Black Lawyers Association and the South Carolina Election Commission. In 2017, the American Association of Justice Minority Caucus awarded Marlon with its Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Soaring Eagle Award reserved for lawyers of color who have made outstanding contributions to the legal profession and paved the way for others. In 2018, Marlon was chosen as a Leadership in Law Honoree by *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly*. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of Sigma Pi Phi Boulé and Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

American Association of Justice

2017 Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Soaring Eagle Award

The Best Lawyers in America®

2015–2018 Mass tort litigation/class actions – plaintiffs

Benchmark Plaintiff

2012 National "Litigation Star": mass tort/product liability

2012–2014 South Carolina "Litigation Star": environmental, mass tort, securities

Coastal Conservation League

2016 Coastal Stewardship Award

United Food and Commercial Workers

2016 Legislative Activist of the Year

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice

South Carolina Association for Justice

National Association of Public Pension Attorneys

American Bar Association

National Bar Association

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A veteran of the courtroom, Jodi Westbrook Flowers seeks to protect the health, safety and rights of consumers, families, investors, workers, and victims of crime and terrorism. Jodi has litigated a wide range of cases involving tobacco, asbestos, lead pigment, aviation disasters, consumer fraud, cybersecurity and product defects, as well as terrorist financing and human rights violations.

In the vehicle defect multidistrict litigation, *In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation*, Jodi works on cases related to economic loss due to faulty ignition switches installed in more than 14 million recalled GM vehicles. Previously, she worked to demonstrate the necessary minimum contacts within the U.S. for the exercise of personal jurisdiction over Bridgestone Corporation in the class action for damages allegedly caused by vehicle and tire defects, *In re Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., ATX, ATX II and Wilderness Tire Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. 00-MDL-1373-SEB (S.D.Ind.). She also led a team at Motley Rice in the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Fraud class action litigation, working on behalf of defrauded consumers in the \$15 billion settlement deal for 2.0-liter vehicles. The settlement was the largest auto-related consumer class action in U.S. history, and among the fastest reached of its kind. Jodi represents clients who have raised similar allegations against Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, claiming the automaker installed emissions cheating software in thousands of 3.0-liter diesel vehicles, in *In re Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep EcoDiesel Marketing, Sales Practice and Products Liability Litigation*.

Jodi serves as co-liaison counsel and represents victims in the 21st Century Oncology data breach multidistrict litigation. She also represents consumers and businesses impacted by security flaws believed to affect virtually all Intel Corp., computer processors.

Jodi handles a variety of cases regarding the state-sponsorship of international terrorism, as well as human rights litigation involving violations of international law and human rights abuses. Jodi now leads the legal team founded by Ron Motley that brought the groundbreaking litigation against the financiers and material supporters of al Qaeda. Representing thousands of family members and survivors of Sept. 11, 2001, in a pioneering civil action to hold al Qaeda's sponsors accountable and cut off the terror support pipeline, she serves on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for the *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001* litigation consolidated by the Multidistrict Litigation Panel. She aided 9/11 victims and families in their years-long push to pass the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, which became law in 2016.

Jodi is currently involved in processing claims for the new Victims' Compensation

PRACTICE AREAS:

Anti-Terrorism
Complex Case Resolution
Consumer Fraud Protection
Human Rights
Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
Toxic Exposure
Whistleblower

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law,
Carolina Legal Scholar, 1993 B.A.
magna cum laude, College of
Charleston, 1989

LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Second, Fourth, and District of
Columbia Circuits; U.S. District
Court for the District of South
Carolina

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Fund for first responders, area residents, and anyone whose health may have been affected by exposure to environmental toxins released in the terrorist attacks. She was also an integral member of the Motley Rice aviation security litigation team seeking accountability and change in aviation security following the 9/11 attacks. In addition, Jodi also represents international terror victims who have filed claims through the U.S. Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund.

Jodi also played a key role in *Linde et al. v. Arab Bank PLC*, filed by victims of terrorist bombings in Israel against Arab Bank for allegedly financing Hamas and other Israeli terrorist organizations. This case marked the first time that a financial institution has been brought to trial under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

She served as the lead negotiator in the last hold-out of the individual cases against Libya for the Lockerbie bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, and continues to seek justice for victims of Libyan sponsored terrorism during Qadhafi's reign. Jodi also authored an *amicus* brief, supporting section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, regarding the trade regulation of conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She was also an integral member of a team that sought recourse for young victims of human trafficking and child enslavement for use as camel jockeys, and filed a federal civil complaint against several leaders in the United Arab Emirates for their alleged role.

Jodi has worked on environmental contamination cases in the Virgin Islands involving leaking gas tanks, and she represented clients in advancing their Deepwater Horizon oil spill claims through the programs established by the two settlements reached with BP. Jodi has served on numerous MDL Executive Committees and subcommittees, and holds several leadership positions within the firm.

Jodi began her career applying restitution and fraud theories to the litigation against the tobacco industry which resulted in the historic Master Settlement Agreement between the state attorneys general and the tobacco industry. She developed expert and whistleblower testimony and synthesized millions of pages of documents for trial. She prepared the false-marketing and child targeting case against the tobacco industry which resulted in restrictions on cartoon ads and the retirement of Joe Camel.

Jodi has been interviewed by various media outlets, including U.S. and foreign television, radio and print media. She provides pro bono work on a variety of global, national and community issues and helped establish the firm's Charitable Contributions Committee. She also served as a member of the American Bar Association's Center for Human Rights Advisory Council from 2014 to 2016.

PUBLISHED WORKS:

"Remarks on the GJIL Symposium on Corporate Responsibility and the Alien Tort Statute," *Georgetown Journal of International Law*, Volume 43-Issue 4, Summer 2012. (43 Geo. J. Int'l. L. 1601)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

National Law Journal

2018 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers

The Best Lawyers in America®

2015–2018 Mass tort litigation/ class actions – plaintiff

The Lawdragon™

2010–2018 500 Leading Lawyers in America: Plaintiffs' litigation

Public Justice Foundation

2016 Trial Lawyers of the Year

The Legal 500 United States,

Litigation edition

2016–2017 Mass tort and class action: plaintiff representation – toxic tort

Benchmark Plaintiff

2014 Top 150 Plaintiff Women in Litigation: South Carolina

2012–2013 National "Litigation Star": civil rights/human rights and mass tort/product liability

2012–2014 South Carolina "Litigation Star": environmental, human rights, mass tort and securities

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice
South Carolina Association for Justice

American Bar Association, SIL–
International Human Rights Committee

South Carolina Bar Association,
SC Women Lawyers

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ANN K. RITTER



Senior Counsel and Securities Case Coordination Manager

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As Senior Counsel for Motley Rice, Ann Ritter plays a key role on Motley Rice's securities team, which represents domestic and foreign institutional investors in complex cases involving shareholder rights, corporate governance, securities and consumer fraud. She possesses more than 25 years of experience in complex litigation involving matters as varied as securities, products liability and consumer protection.

Ann serves as a frequent speaker on legal topics such as worker safety, shareholder rights and corporate governance. In 2007, she addressed leading German institutional investors as a keynote speaker on the impact of U.S. class actions at the Deutsche Schutzvereinigung für Wertpapierbesitz e. V. Practical Workshop for institutional investors in Frankfurt, Germany.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University, Ann pursued a law degree from the University of Tennessee. She is the co-author of *Asbestos in Schools*, published by the National School Boards Association. Ann previously served on the Advisory Committee for the Tobacco Deposition and Trial Testimony Archives (DATTA) Project and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of the South Carolina Special Olympics, the Advisory Board of the Medical University of South Carolina Hollings Cancer Center and the Advisory Board of The University of Mississippi School of Law. She is recognized as a BV® rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell®.

ASSOCIATIONS:

South Carolina Association for Justice

PRACTICE AREAS:

Securities and Consumer Fraud

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Tennessee, 1982

B.S., Florida State University, 1980

LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third and
Eleventh Circuits

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A veteran litigator with strong roots in complex litigation, Fred Baker has worked on a broad range of environmental, medical costs recovery, consumer and products liability cases and holds numerous leadership roles within the firm. He represents individuals, institutional investors, and governmental entities in a wide variety of cases.

After representing a state government in a case against poultry integrators alleging that poultry waste polluted natural resources, Fred was involved with the firm's representation of people and businesses in Gulf Coast communities suffering as a result of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He held a central role in the negotiation process involving the two settlements reached with BP, one of which is the largest civil class action settlement in U.S. history.

A member of the legal team that litigated the groundbreaking tobacco litigation on behalf of several State Attorneys General, Fred has also participated in the litigation of individual tobacco cases, entity tobacco cases and a tobacco class action. Fred currently heads the firm's tobacco litigation team.

Fred has served as counsel in a number of class actions, including the two class action settlements arising out of the 2005 Graniteville train derailment chlorine spill. He has also been closely involved in the on-going litigation surrounding the statutory direct action settlement reached in the Manville bankruptcy court and a related West Virginia unfair trade practices insurance class action.

Fred began practicing with Motley Rice attorneys in 1994 and chairs the firm's attorney hiring committee.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly
2016 Leadership in Law Award

PRACTICE AREAS:

Asbestos Exposure
Consumer Fraud Protection
Toxic Exposure

EDUCATION:

J.D./LL.M., Duke University School of Law, 1993

B.A., University of North Carolina, 1985

LICENSED IN:

New York
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the District of South Carolina

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As a strong advocate for the most defenseless members of society, Kimberly Barone Baden seeks accountability and compensation for victims of corporate misconduct, medical negligence and harmful medical drugs. She manages mass tort pharmaceutical litigation through complex personal injury and economic damages cases.

Kimberly represents children with birth defects allegedly caused by antidepressants, including Zoloft®, Effexor® and Wellbutrin®; as well as Zofran® which is used to prevent pregnancy-related nausea and vomiting. She previously litigated against GlaxoSmithKline in the Paxil® birth defect litigation. She serves as co-lead counsel for *In re Zofran (Ondansetron) Products Liability Litigation* MDL 2657 and is on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for *In re Viagra (Sildenafil Citrate) Products Liability Litigation* MDL 2691 and on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee *In re Zoloft (sertraline hydrochloride) Products Liability Litigation* MDL 2342. She also manages the firm's pharmaceutical litigation regarding Crestor®, Lipitor®, Actos®, Risperdal®, incretin mimetics, and dialysis products GranuFlo® Powder and NaturaLyte® Liquid acid concentrates.

Kimberly also represents elderly victims of abuse and neglect, litigating cases for nursing home and assisted living facility residents.

Kimberly has spoken at numerous seminars, legal gatherings, CLEs and conferences across the U.S., including the American Association for Justice, Mass Torts Made Perfect and the National Business Institute. She has addressed a broad range of topics related to pharmaceutical drugs and elder law litigation, focusing on MDL procedures, birth defects, nursing home litigation, discovery, trial strategy and mediation. Kimberly is currently the Treasurer of the American Association for Justice's Section on Toxic, Environmental and Pharmaceutical Torts.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Kimberly worked on the Fen-Phen diet drug litigation and served as an attorney with the California District Attorney's Office in San Diego. Kimberly is recognized as an AV® rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell®.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

South Carolina Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list
2013–2014 Personal injury plaintiff: products; elder law

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice, Treasurer – Section on Toxic, Environmental and Pharmaceutical torts

American Bar Association

South Carolina Association for Justice

PRACTICE AREAS:

Medical Devices
Medical Drugs
Nursing Home Abuse & Neglect

EDUCATION:

J.D., California Western School of Law, 1999
B.A. *cum laude*, Clemson University, 1996

LICENSED IN:

California
South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California and District of South Carolina

ANDREW P. ARNOLD



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Andrew Arnold represents institutional investors and individuals in complex securities, corporate governance and shareholder litigation.

He concentrates his practice on investigating and developing securities fraud class actions, shareholder derivative lawsuits, merger and acquisition litigation, and consumer fraud. He joined Motley Rice co-founder Joe Rice in negotiations in the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Fraud class action for consumers whose vehicles were allegedly designed to bypass regulations. The \$15 billion settlement for 2.0-liter vehicles is the largest consumer auto-related consumer class action in U.S. history, and among the fastest reached of its kind.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Andrew practiced commercial litigation and investor-state dispute settlement in the Washington, D.C. office of a large international law firm. He was recognized on the 2014 Capital *Pro Bono* High Honor Roll for serving 100 *pro bono* hours in the D.C. area. While attending the University of North Carolina School of Law, Andrew was a member of the *North Carolina Law Review* and served as a judicial intern for the North Carolina Court of Appeals and as a research assistant for Professor Thomas Lee Hazen, a prominent securities regulation scholar.

Andrew also has an extensive background in software development, primarily in the healthcare industry, where he designed and developed software to ensure compliance with government regulations.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Securities Class Actions

EDUCATION:

J.D., with honors, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2013

B.A., with highest honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002

LICENSED IN:

New York

South Carolina

ANNIE E. KOUBA



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Annie Kouba represents institutional investors in securities fraud and shareholder litigation as well as public clients and government entities.

Annie's work includes helping Biogen shareholders in their fight to recover losses associated with the pharmaceutical company's allegedly dangerous drug Tecfidera.

She also assists in litigation filed by the Cherokee Nation against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies related to the False Claims Act. She has additional experience in *qui tam* whistleblower litigation.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Annie interned with the North Carolina Department of Justice in the Health and Human Services Division where she drafted criminal briefs for the N.C. Court of Appeals and N.C. Supreme Court, and assisted the president of the American Association of Public Welfare Attorneys. She also interned with the EMILY's List Political Opportunity Program and has worked as a *voir dire* consultant.

Annie concentrated in Community, Management, and Policy Practice at the University of North Carolina's School of Social Work Master's program where she specialized in the intersection of public policy and the law. Through a practicum with the program, Annie interned with the Compass Center for Women and Families in the Financial Literacy Education Program, where she served as a certified counselor with The Benefit Bank.

While pursuing her studies at the University of North Carolina School of Law, Annie served as a published staff member on the *First Amendment Law Review* and as vice president of the Carolina Public Interest Law Organization. She also participated in the Pro Bono Program there, through which she prepared tax returns for low-income citizens and researched and provided social work policy and legal perspective related to minors' rights after sexual assault for a guidebook from the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

ASSOCIATIONS:

American Association for Justice, Political Action Committee Task Force
South Carolina Association for Justice

PRACTICE AREAS:

Consumer Fraud Protection
Securities Class Actions

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of North Carolina
School of Law, 2016
M.S.W., University of North Carolina
School of Social Work, 2016
B.A. *magna cum laude*, Lenoir-
Rhyne University, 2012

LICENSED IN:

South Carolina

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE:

U.S. District Court for the District of
South Carolina